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REMARKS

1. The activities of the troops in the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam (N 53/2 63), from 29 January to 3 February 1951 as follows:

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- a. 29 January: Recruits were drilling with nine AT guns, and trained personnel with eight 122-mm and six 152-mm guns from 9:20 to 11:45 a.m. All troops cleaned artillery pieces and vehicles from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and received theoretical instruction from 5 to 7 p.m.
- b. 30 January: Alarm was sounded by a hand-operated siren at 9:10 a.m., whereupon all officers and EM assembled, wearing gas masks. From 9:25 a.m. all troops were engaged in artillery drill, still wearing gas masks, while several groups of five men each, wearing protective rubber suits, ran about the barracks yard. They were decontamination squads, according to a sergeant. All troops were cleaning guns from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m., and indoctrination from 5 to 7 p.m.
- c. 31 January: Recruits drilled with nine AT guns, and trained personnel with eight 122-mm and six 152-mm guns from 9:20 to 11:45 a.m. The entire unit, including officers and a band, assembled in front of the headquarters building at 12:15 p.m. The troops were addressed by a colonel who then reviewed them. the ceremony marked the promotion of 1 lieutenant colonel, 4 majors, 10 captains and 14 senior lieutenants to the next higher ranks.
- d. 1 February: Same routine as on 30 January including the gas alarm.
- e. 2 February: Recruits cleaned artillery pieces and trained personnel took showers from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The recruits took showers in the early afternoon. All troops attended indoctrination classes from 5 to 7 p.m.
- f. 3 February: Beginning at 9:20 a.m. all troops were inoculated at the dispensary by two physicians. Each soldier was inoculated in the

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back with 10 cu.cm. of vaccine, allegedly as protection against influenza.

2. At about 8:30 a.m. on 2 February, after an address by a colonel which was followed by martial music, 2 lieutenant colonels, 6 majors and 10 captains with baggage left the Dolius Kaserne [redacted]

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[redacted] heading toward Kramnitz. [redacted] the recently arrived ammunition trailers were too lightly built. He complained that two of the new trailers had already been sent to the repair shop with broken axles. \*

3. A unit of 130 troops marched out of the Generals' Quarter in Neuer Garten on 3 February. All of the soldiers were tall and wore well-fitting uniforms. [redacted] the unit actually numbered 300 men, and that the number of Soviet women billeted in the Generals' Quarter had been reduced from about 175 to 50. \*\*

4. [redacted] large quantities of ammunition and signal and engineer equipment had been unloaded at the Wildpark railroad station during one week about 25 January. The equipment was stockpiled near the railroad station in a dump, about 25 acres in size, and subsequently picked up by troop units. \*\*\*

\* [redacted] The information indicates no change since report of 8 February 1951. [redacted] The 18 officers observed departing were either reassigned or detached to a course of instruction.

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\*\* [redacted] A special unit of about the strength specified has been observed there [redacted] since the beginning of 1950. It seems to be an MVD unit or a guard unit of hand-picked men. [redacted]

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\*\*\* [redacted] the present report also reported the unloading of ammunition in late January 1951. [redacted]

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